

2010 VERMONT TEACHER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION/SIGNATURES

Nominee's Name _____

Home Mailing Address (Street or Box) _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Home Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

Social Security Number _____

Date of Birth _____

Nominee's School _____

School Mailing Address (Street or Box) _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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School Telephone _____

School E-Mail _____

School Profile (*check one*) ☐ Urban ☐ Suburban ☐ Rural

Number of Students in Nominee's: Building _____ District _____ Supervisory Union _____

Major Subject Area (*if any*) _____ Grade Level _____ Years in Present Position _____

Total Years Teaching in Vermont _____ Total Years of Teaching Experience _____

License(s) Endorsement(s) Held:
Candidates must hold Vermont
Certification

Level I
Endorsement(s)

Level II
Endorsement(s)

Expiration Date: _____

I hereby give my permission that any or all attached materials (other than home address, telephone number, Social Security Number, and Date of Birth) may be shared with persons interested in promoting the National Teacher of the Year Program. I also acknowledge that if selected as the 2010 National Teacher of the Year, I will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of my recognition in order to fulfill the obligations of Teacher of the Year.

Signature of Nominee _____

Date _____

Principal Name _____

School _____

| School Mailing Address (Street/Box) | City | State | ZIP |
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I hereby acknowledge that the nominee is submitting this application with my approval and that if the nominee is selected as the 2010 National Teacher of the Year, s/he will be released from classroom responsibilities during the year of recognition.

Signature of School Principal

Date _____

Superintendent Name _____

| Supervisory Union/District Mailing Address (Street/Box) | City | State | ZIP |
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Signature of Superintendent

Date _____

Tina Muncy
Vermont Department of Education

Coordinator's Signature

Date _____

PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO

Your portfolio is **due March 16, 2009** to Tina Muncy, c/o Helen Oatley, Vermont Department of Education, 120 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-2501. The portfolio should be organized in a loose-leaf binder with printed pages not to exceed 8 ½" x 11", typewritten or word processed and double-spaced. Please do not use any fancy fonts or a font size smaller than 12 points. Please respond to the points below in order and title each response.

A. Educational History and Professional Development Activities (two double-spaced pages)

- Beginning with the most recent, list colleges and universities attended including postgraduate studies. Indicate degrees earned and dates of attendance.
- Beginning with the most recent, list teaching employment history indicating time period, grade level and subject area.
- Beginning with the most recent, list professional association membership including information regarding offices held and other relevant activities.
- Beginning with the most recent, list staff development **leadership** activity and **leadership** activity in the training of future teachers.
- Beginning with the most recent, list awards and other recognition of your teaching.

B. Involvement in school level and Vermont initiatives (one double-spaced page)

- Provide information regarding your involvement in:
 - Progress monitoring and the development of local assessments at your school;
 - Implementing Vermont's Grade Level Expectations;
 - Any state level initiatives which you have been involved

C. Professional Biography (two double-spaced pages)

- What were the factors that influenced you to become a teacher? Describe what you consider to be your greatest contributions and accomplishments in education.

D. Community Involvement (one double-spaced page)

- Describe your commitment to your community through service-oriented activities such as volunteer work, civic responsibilities and other group activities.

E. Philosophy of Teaching (two double-spaced pages)

- Describe your personal feelings and beliefs about teaching, including your own ideas of what makes you an outstanding teacher. Describe the rewards you find in teaching.
- How are your beliefs about teaching demonstrated in your personal teaching style?

PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO (*Continued*)

F. Education Issues and Trends (two *double-spaced pages*)

- What do you consider to be the major public education issues today? Address **one** in depth, outlining possible causes, effects and resolutions.

G. Student Work and Letters of Support

- Attach no more than three samples of student work.
- Attach three letters of support from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, colleague, student/former student, parent or civic leader.
- Attach a 5x7 color photo which could be used by the media.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Please make sure you have addressed these areas in your portfolio.

The Vermont Teacher of the Year 2010 candidate must have a demonstrated ability to meet the following criteria:

Standards for Vermont Educators

- **Learning** – Extensive content knowledge in the area of teaching.
- **Professional Knowledge** – Demonstration of superior pedagogical skill. The evidence must include how *Vermont's Grade Expectations* are being implemented and must show continual acquisition of pedagogy and content knowledge.
- **Colleagueship** – Collaborative leadership and involvement over time both in the school and within the greater Vermont education community to impact improved student learning. The evidence must include active leadership in a professional organization(s).
- **Advocacy** – Active leadership and involvement with community partnerships to promote fairness and equity in education.

The successful candidate also possesses:

- outstanding personal and professional qualities
- strong communication skills
- the talent to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
- an awareness and understanding of current educational issues and trends
- the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues

The successful candidate must also:

- spend a minimum of 50% of her/his time teaching students
- hold a Vermont teaching certification
- be employed in a Vermont school

For questions or information, contact Tina Muncy, Program Coordinator, at (802) 828-1184 or tina.muncy@state.vt.us.